

2017 SEASON

# Adult Softball Program Registration Packet



[www.fayetteville-ar.gov/adultsoftball](http://www.fayetteville-ar.gov/adultsoftball)



# Welcome to Adult Softball!



This packet is designed to acquaint softball managers, players, spectators and sponsors with league registration, rules, and conditions of play set forth by Fayetteville Parks and Recreation. We strive to provide an opportunity for adults to take part in an organized and enjoyable athletic program, offering participants personal enjoyment and physical development. Please remember that sportsmanship rates first in our leagues; without it, the quality of the sport is lost.

## 2017 Softball Dates/Deadlines

Monday, February 8 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Adult Softball Registration Begins
Friday, February 17 <sup>th</sup> 7PM	Umpire Clinic and Registration #2 @ Grubs Grille Downtown
TBA	Umpire Clinic and Registration #3 @ Gary Hampton
Saturday, February 18 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup>	Arctic Classic Adult Softball Tournament
Thursday, March 16 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Adult Softball Registration Ends
Wednesday, March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Spring Adult Softball Schedules Released and Online
Monday, March 27 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Adult Softball Begins
Monday, April 17 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Adult Softball Registration Begins
Friday, May 5 <sup>th</sup>	Final Spring Adult Softball Rosters turned in
Thursday, May 11 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day for Spring Adult Softball Scheduled Games
Mon. May 15- Thr. May 18	Spring Adult Softball Make Up Week
Mon. May 22- Thr. May 25	Spring Adult Softball Tournaments
Thursday, June 8 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Adult Softball Registration Ends
Wednesday, June 14 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Adult Softball Schedules Released and Online
Monday, June 19 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Adult Softball Begins
Monday, July 5 <sup>th</sup>	Fall Adult Softball Registration Begins
Friday, July 14 <sup>th</sup>	Final Summer Adult Softball Rosters turned in
Thursday, July 20 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day for Summer Adult Softball Scheduled Games
Mon. July 24 - Thr. July 27	Summer Adult Softball Make Up Week
Mon. July 31- Thr. Aug 3	Summer Adult Softball Tournaments
Thursday, August 10 <sup>th</sup>	Fall Adult Softball Registration Ends
Wednesday, August 16 <sup>th</sup>	Fall Adult Softball Schedules Released and Online
Monday, August 21 <sup>st</sup>	Fall Adult Softball Begins
Friday, October 6 <sup>th</sup>	Final Fall Adult Softball Rosters turned in
Thursday, September 29 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day for Fall Adult Softball Scheduled Games
Mon. Oct 9- Thr. Oct 12	Fall Adult Softball Make Up Week
Mon. Oct 16- Thr. Oct 19	Fall Adult Softball Tournaments
TBA	End of Year Umpires Meeting

(Dates Subject to Change)

### Terms to Know

- Fayetteville Adult Softball- Governing body of all leagues.
- League- Group of teams or individual athletes that compete against each other. (Ex: East League)
- Classification- Defines which league level teams are eligible to compete in. (Ex: North, South, & East)
- Season- A period with reference to the total number of games to be played by a team. (Ex: Spring or Fall)
- Full Year Play- A full year period referencing to the total number of games played by a team. (Ex: Consist of Spring, Summer, and Fall)
- Division- Programs divided by gender. (Ex: Women's, Men's, and Coed)
- Nights- Nights you enter and are scheduled to play.

### Structure

Teams play a double header on the same night each week and leagues are held throughout the week Monday through Thursday. Games are played at Gary Hampton and Lake Fayetteville. Teams must provide their own softballs. All Men's teams must hit a Worth Extreme softball, and women must hit a Worth Classic W softball. Some classifications and divisions will vary throughout each season depending on participation.

Classification	Division	Description
North	Men's/COED	Teams with participants who are very talented and experienced softball players. Superior offensive and defensive skills required with good home-run power. Experience playing together as a team helpful, but not essential at this level (Classified C or above, D, and E level players).
South	Men's/COED	Teams with experience playing together as well as individual experience. Very good offensive and defensive skills required with some home-run power (Mostly classified D and E level players).
East	Men's/COED	Teams with experience playing together as well as individual experience. Effective offensive and defensive skills required with 1-2 power hitters (Some classified E level players).
West	Men's/COED	Teams with little or no experience playing together and a combination of experienced and inexperienced players. Offensive and defensive skills vary among teammates (Strictly recreational, no USSSA travel players). West One - Teams with less than one year experience, one year equals three playing seasons (i.e. Spring, Summer, Fall).
Incrediball	COED	Very recreational & welcomes all! Some teams with little or no experience playing together and a combination of experienced and inexperienced players. Played with a 12 inch rag-ball.
Women's (Summer Only)	Women	Mix of teams with a lot, little, or no experience playing together and a combination of experienced and inexperienced players. Very recreational and fun league.

Game times are at 6:15PM, 7PM, 8PM, and 9PM depending the league signed up for. A 5 minute grace period is granted for the first game only. All other times, teams should be onsite ready to play in case there's a run rule or forfeit the prior game.

League play will be complete or partial round robin with small end of the season league tournament. End of season tournaments will be on your designated playing nights, times may vary. Games that are rescheduled due to weather or any other extenuating circumstance will be scheduled on the designated make-up weeks when possible. Once all nights of the make-up week are exhausted, we will schedule make-ups on Friday nights or Sunday afternoons (only if necessary).



Season	Registration Dates	Entry	League Play	Make-Ups	Tournament
Spring	February 8 – March 16	\$450	March 27 – May 11 (7 weeks)	May 15 – May 18	May 22 – June 5
Summer	April 17 – June 8	\$350	June 19 – July 20 (5 weeks)	July 24 – July 27	July 31 – August 3
Fall	July 5 – August 10	\$450	August 21 – October 5 (7 weeks)	October 9 – October 12	October 16 – October 19

Fayetteville Parks and Recreation, with the advisement of the Fayetteville Adult Softball Board, shall coordinate league play. All league related questions should be directed to the parks office, 1455 Happy Hollow Rd., 479-718-7681 during normal business hours (8AM-5PM), Monday through Friday.

#### How to Register

- Mail in: Fayetteville Parks and Recreation Softball, 113 West Mountain, Fayetteville, AR 72701
- Drop off: Parks and Recreation Office, 1455 Happy Hollow Road, Fayetteville, AR 72701
- Online at <http://www.onlinesignup.org/fayetteville>



## League Nights & Times

Spring Schedule				
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
GH 6:15 & 7PM	COED SOUTH	COED WEST ONE	COED SOUTH	COED WEST
GH 8 & 9PM	MENS WEST ONE	MENS SOUTH	INCREDIBALL	MENS NORTH (OPEN)
LF 6:15 & 7PM	ADULT KICKBALL	COED EAST	MENS EAST	ADULT KICKBALL
LF 8 & 9PM	ADULT KICKBALL	MENS EAST	MENS WEST	ADULT KICKBALL

Summer Schedule				
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
GH 6:15 & 7PM	MENS EAST	MENS SOUTH	WOMENS	INCREDIBALL
GH 8 & 9PM	COED EAST	MENS CORPORATE	MENS NORTH	COED SOUTH
LF 6:15 & 7PM	COED WEST ONE	COED WEST	MENS EAST	MENS WEST ONE
LF 8 & 9PM	MENS WEST	MENS WEST	COED EAST	COED WEST

Fall Schedule				
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
GH 6:15 & 7PM	MENS WEST	COED EAST	COED SOUTH	INCREDIBALL
GH 8 & 9PM	MENS EAST	MENS NORTH (OPEN)	TBA	MENS SOUTH
LF 6:15 & 7PM	COED SOUTH	MENS 35 & OVER	COED WEST ONE	MENST EAST
LF 8 & 9PM	COED WEST	MENS EAST	MENS WEST ONE	MENS WEST

**(Leagues subject to change at league programmer's discretion)**

\*Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday nights at Gary Hampton will be reserved for youth fast pitch softball for Spring Season.

\*TBA – To Be Announced



## League Fees

League fees cover: umpires, scorekeeping, awards, lights, field prep, league administration, and USSSA sanctioning.

League fees may be paid by cash, personal check, company check, or credit card in office. Fees can also be paid online via credit card through online registration at [www.onlinesignup/fayetteville](http://www.onlinesignup/fayetteville). You can also mail a check to Fayetteville Parks and Recreation Softball, 113 West Mountain, Fayetteville, AR. Make all checks payable to Fayetteville Parks & Recreation, all league entries will be handled on a first come, first serve basis.

A team is not officially registered until all fees are paid, all forms and rosters are completed, and turned in. Schedules will be available online the Wednesday before the league starts and scores and standings will be posted on the Adult Softball Page at [www.fayetteville-ar.gov](http://www.fayetteville-ar.gov) and [www.ussa.com](http://www.ussa.com).

## Rosters

- Players must be 18 years old or over
- Maximum of 20 players per team, including player manager. Minimum of 12 players per team.
- All players must be listed on the roster at time of registration. Adds and drops to teams must be submitted online with your team USSSA ID or turned into the scorekeeper before that team's scheduled game (See below about USSSA ID). All adds/drops should be finalized and turned in before the announced league deadline.
- No add/drops will be accepted after the deadline.
- A player is eligible to play on only one men's or coed team on the same night.
- A player that has officially dropped from a team or was a member of a team that has been officially disbanded or dropped will be eligible to play on another team subject to all applicable rules.
- New in 2015-You can add players to your roster at the scorekeepers table as well.

## Sanctioning

All teams are sanctioned and registered with United States Specialty Sports Association. All team captains will be issued an USSSA ID and Password to login to <http://www.ussa.com>. Contact [mmay@fayetteville-ar.gov](mailto:mmay@fayetteville-ar.gov) if you have registered for a league and not received USSSA login information. USSSA Roster can be updated online or in person at the park with an add/delete roster form. Using the state tournament qualifiers contact 479-718-7681.

At [www.ussa.com](http://www.ussa.com) you can enter local tournaments, manage rosters, view schedules, track scores, and follow league standings. Also the USSSA Fans app is now available for download on most apple/android devices.



### **Nightly Scores & Standings**

In the event of a game score/standing discrepancy please email [mmay@fayetteville-ar.gov](mailto:mmay@fayetteville-ar.gov). Please allow up to one week for website to be updated. All game scoresheets must be pulled and checked for accuracy.

### **Teams Moving Up or Moving Down**

In an effort to keep leagues at a fair competitive level, the league programmer reserves the right to move up/down any team or change any league classification at any time. We encourage good teams to always improve and challenge themselves by moving up a league classification. If a team moves up a season and doesn't perform well in a higher classification, then the option to move back down the following season is available. We ask everyone to use their best judgment when entering leagues and recruiting teams. If you are an East league team it would be wise not to recruit North/South classified players unless you're moving up to that league classification.

### **Practice Field Reservations**

Teams wishing to reserve a ball field for practice may do so by making reservations no later than one business day in advance online at [www.fayetteville.onlinesignup.org](http://www.fayetteville.onlinesignup.org) or at our parks office (1455 Happy Hollow Rd). Office reservations can only be made Monday – Friday (8AM – 5PM) however online registrations can be made anytime.

Gary Hampton will be designated for adult softball practices (Fayetteville Parks and Rec league teams only). Lake Fayetteville will be designated for adult softball and adult kickball practices. This is only if practices do not conflict with league programming. Any time throughout the year, all fields at Gary Hampton are open to all for practices. Fields may not be available during certain times of the year due to recreation programs and special events. FPR reserves the right to reschedule any practices due to an approved program, tournament, and event or refuse a reservation to anyone for such reasons as field maintenance, weather, etc. For tournaments, special events, or field lights please call 479-718-7681 or email [mmay@fayetteville-ar.gov](mailto:mmay@fayetteville-ar.gov).

Reservations will be accepted on a first-come first-serve basis, max reservation time is two hours. There is an hourly reservation fee required to schedule practices, however fees are waived for all teams playing in an official Fayetteville Parks & Recreation league. Please contact league administrator for discount code. If lights are needed, an additional charge per hour may be needed and at least a two day notice for staffing purposes. Fields may be reserved until 10PM. Upon making an online reservation, teams must print off their reservation confirmation or request a copy from [mmay@fayetteville-ar.gov](mailto:mmay@fayetteville-ar.gov). The team must have this confirmation in their possession at the field during their reserved time. This will be used if the field requested is in use by someone else.

All fields are open to the public at no charge if not in use by a recreation program, special event, or reserved practice by another team. If fields are lined and chalked, please stay off the fields. Fees are only applied if you wish to reserve a specific field for a specific time. If a team is using a field, and a team arrives with a reservation confirmation, the non-reserving team must vacate the field immediately.

## Umpiring

It's obviously preferred to have two umpires on the field for all games but it's not a necessity. Unfortunately having two doesn't always happen for many unforeseen reasons so please keep in mind that our leagues (competitive or not) are all recreational and meant for fun and healthy living. So be courteous and a good sport to all!

Our league umpires are certified and trained by the United States Specialty Sports Association. Most are experienced calling USSSA Competitive and even USSSA World Series play but we are always recruiting umpires. So if you're looking to officiate any of our youth/adult programs. Please call 479-718-7681 or come on over to our 2017 Umpires Clinics.

**USSSA Umpire Registration & Clinics:**  
**Call 479-718-7681 for next available clinic.**

## Weather/Rainout Information

Call 479-443-7275 Monday thru Friday and after 8:00am Saturday and Sunday. All program cancellations are posted by 3:30PM when weather conditions warrant possible cancellations. All games will occur as scheduled unless noted. We also announce weather cancellations via Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and our Inclement Weather Hotline (479-443-7275).

### Recreation Program Managers Info

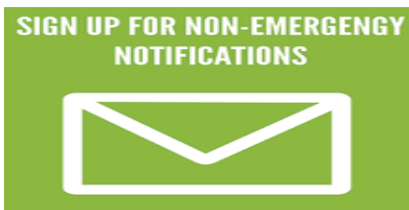
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<http://facebook.com/fayparksandrec>

<http://instagram.com/fayettevilleparksandrec>

<http://twitter.com/fayparksandrec>



Using your phone/tablet,  
scan the QR codes to link  
directly to social media  
pages.

## Non-Emergency Notifications

The city of Fayetteville offers non-emergency notifications through a separate system, which notifies citizens of road and lane closures, city-sponsored events, meetings, newsletters, adult softball information, weather status and more. These notifications are sent primarily through email, with some text messaging options available for the time-sensitive categories. You may sign up through our city's website ([www.fayetteville-ar.gov](http://www.fayetteville-ar.gov)).

Please ensure you confirm your account in your email or text inbox after signing up or you won't receive notifications until your account is confirmed.





## Online Tutorial

Go to [www.ussa.com](http://www.ussa.com) and click Existing Teams and Members Login.

USSSA Slow Pitch / ISTS

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Slow Pitch

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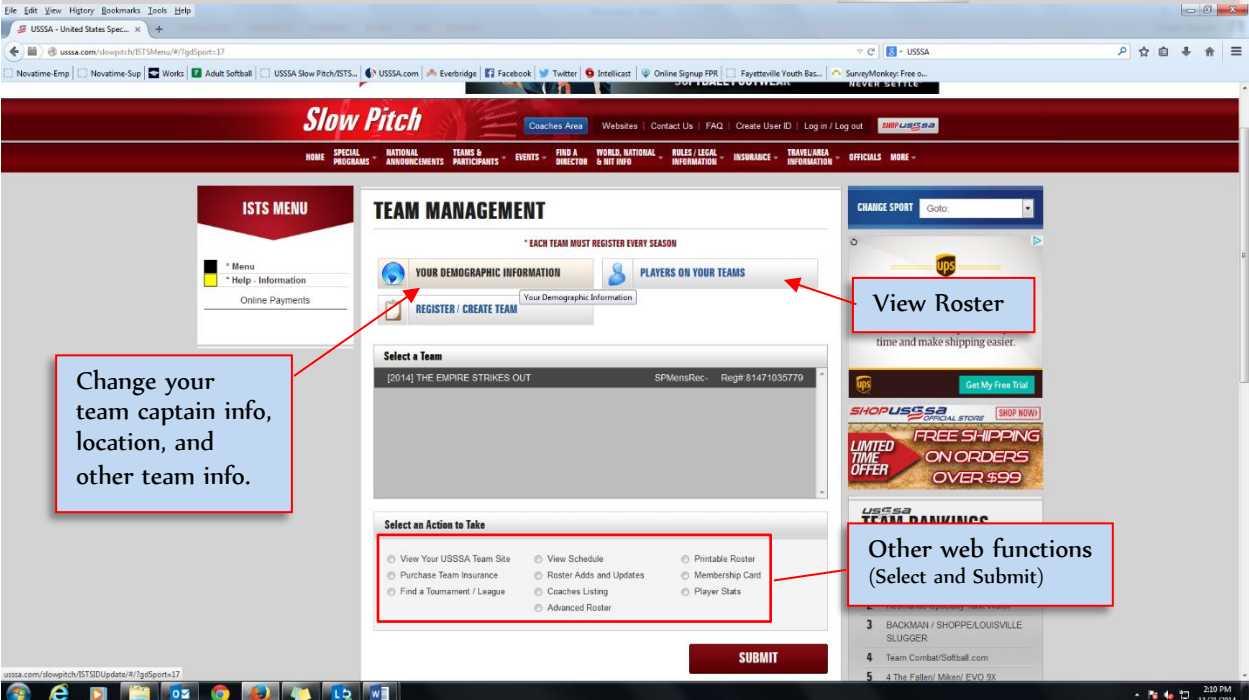
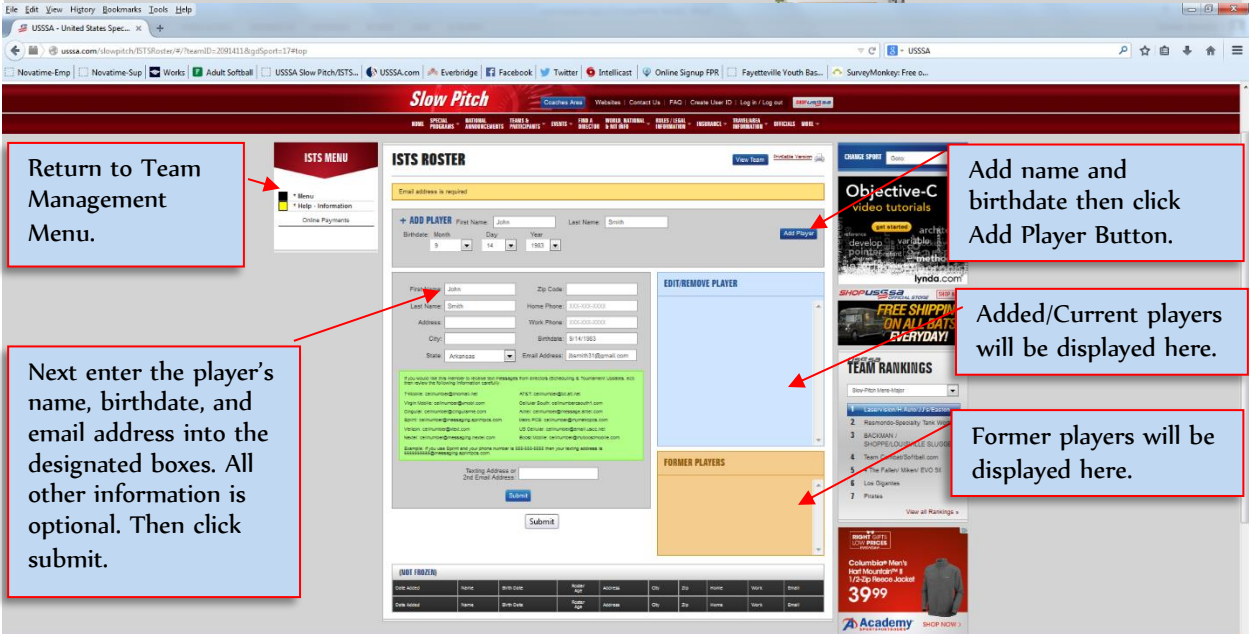
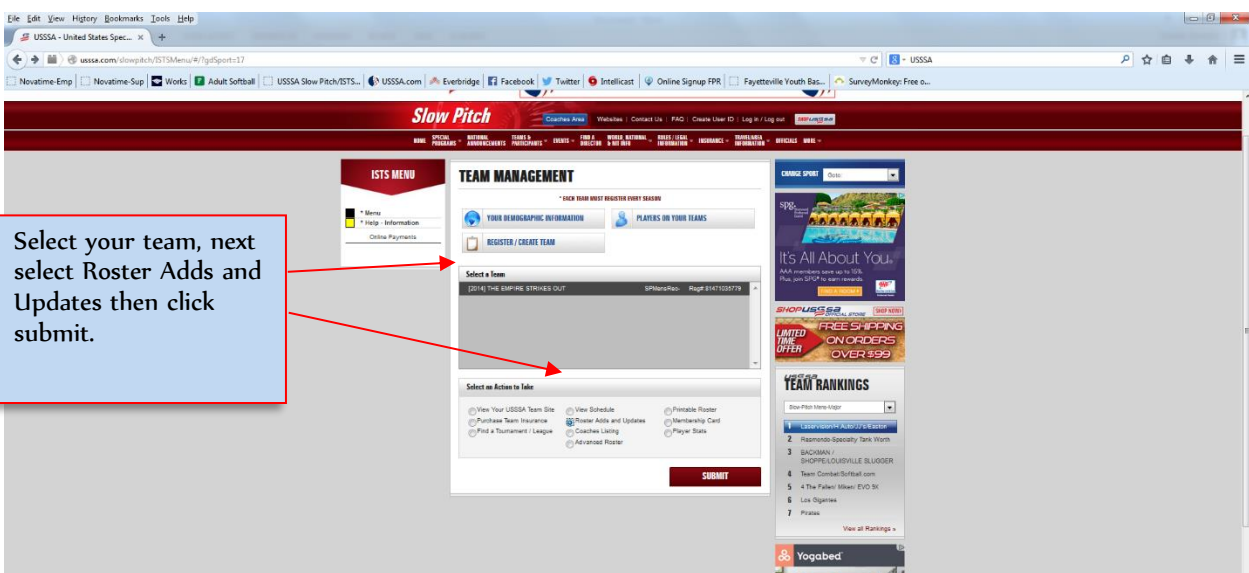
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# FAYETTEVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION 2017 ADULT SOFTBALL PROGRAM LEAGUE EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATIONS

USSSA Mark

## USSSA Softball Bat Marks for 2017 Season

Effective January 1, 2013

Have the new permanent<sup>1</sup> USSSA Mark on its taper OR  
Be a Wood Bat

**ALL of the above must be manufactured by an approved USSSA Bat Licensee**



<sup>1</sup> USSSA marks and other graphics of the bat must be applied permanently and must be applied by the USSSA licensed manufacturer. No stickers or decals are allowed and no one may add graphics to a bat once manufactured. Use of a bat with graphics not applied by the manufacturer will be use of an altered bat and subject to suspension under the USSSA Altered Bat rules. In addition to being violation of the USSSA Altered Bat rules, any use, creation or application of a USSSA mark without written permission of USSSA is a violation of Federal Trademark law and may result in prosecution by USSSA. If you have any concern about the person selling or providing you a bat, do not accept the bat, because you will be held responsible for any bat you bring into or use in a USSSA facility.

## Official League Softballs for the 2017 Season



Worth 12" Super Gold  
Dot Extreme Classic  
M USSSA SP Softballs



Worth 11" USSSA  
Green Dot Classic  
W USSSA SP Softball

**League balls will be available for purchase onsite at  
Fayetteville Concessions located in both ballparks.**

For a full list of vendor/locations to purchase balls and bats. Please  
send email to [mmay@fayetteville-ar.gov](mailto:mmay@fayetteville-ar.gov).

## FPR Adult Softball FAQ'S

### **Why are the concession stand frequently out of balls?**

Fayetteville Parks & Recreation does not operate concessions for our facilities, those are contracted out through a bidding process. We always urge our concessionaire to accommodate the sales of the official league balls but in many occasions they only keep a certain amount in stock. It's always advised to buy online or visit a local retail store (Play It Again, Best Sports) Academy doesn't carry the official men's softball for league play.

### **Why are teams asked to use specific equipment for league play?**

Fayetteville Parks & Recreation Adult softball leagues are sanctioned USSSA leagues, USSSA sanctions require us to use balls and bats that pass specifications of USSSA play. These specifications help keep altered equipment out of the game so safer softball can be played. We stick with one spec of ball for men's and women's to avoid confusion from players, captions, umpires, as well as park staff of what ball can be used.

### **Why were teams removed or added to our end of season tournament?**

In an effort to keep leagues at a fair competitive level, the league programmer reserves the right to move up/down any team or change any league classification at any time. We encourage good teams to always improve and challenge themselves by mobbing up a league classification. If a team moves up a season and doesn't perform well in a higher classification, then the option to move back down the following season is available. We ask everyone to use their best judgment when entering leagues and recruiting teams.

### **What do I need to do if I see a team has several new players for the league tournament?**

You need to speak to an umpire about a roster protest, a common misconception is that it's the umpires or league administration's duty to protest a roster however with 1,300 or more players. We work very closely to assure that players are not playing on multiple rosters outside the rules and determining eligibility for each roster player. When players are picked up on tournament rights, it's not always so obvious to umpires and staff because of alternating between leagues and locations. We do not want to see teams forfeit however having the same team for tournament that you had for league is not a hard thing to ask for. We'll be looking at more efficient ways to keep teams from stacking their players.

### **How can I look at rosters online?**

Visit <http://www.ussa.com/slowpitch/Team1/#/?gdSport=17>, you can search teams through this site. The majority of our teams are classified Rec +, Rec -, Mixed Rec (Coed). If not sure the classification of a team email [mmay@fayetteville-ar.gov](mailto:mmay@fayetteville-ar.gov).



**Where can I pick up player for league?**

We have a free agent roster that has contact information for several men and women looking to play in our league. With the constant growth of Northwest Arkansas, players are always moving into the area and looking for ways to get out and be active. Send me an email for a full list of players.

**What's the new roster rule?**

Players may not play on two teams in the same division unless playing in an open league. Meaning if your league is declared an open league, only then can you play on another team within another division. Men's and Coed are division while North, South, East, and West are our leagues classifications. No players on the USSSA State D and above USSSA classification list may play in east or west leagues. USSSA classifications are B, C, D, E and Rec. the state player's classification list is on <http://www.fayetteville-ar.gov/1367/Softball---Adults>. If players have been playing for two or more teams, they must pick one to play with throughout the tournament.

**Why can't you play on multiple rosters?**

To keep the same teams with the same combinations of players from playing in a south and an east league during the same season. This helps promote fair competition and consistency through all the leagues. We have specific leagues in place to let players join multiple teams or play in one or more leagues. Please let me know if you could like more information on these leagues.

**Why are rec teams playing in east and above leagues?**

More times than not these are teams that needed this league time for scheduling purposes of its players or a first time team that's signed up in the wrong classification. I often try to move these teams when possible but it's often hard to do while being able to accommodate night/time/location needs of the teams being moved.

**Why do we only have one umpire some games, don't we pay for two?**

No, entry covers the expense of an umpire possible two umpires when available. It's obviously preferred to have two umpires on the field for all games but it's not a necessity. Unfortunately having two doesn't always happen for many unforeseen reasons so please keep in mind that our leagues (competitive or not) are all recreational and meant for fun and healthy living. So be courteous and a good sport to all players, umpires, and staff.



FAYETTEVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION 2017  
ADULT SOFTBALL PROGRAM REGISTRATION



Season desired to participate: SPRING SUMMER FALL Night: M T W Th

Please circle type of team: WOMEN MEN COED First Year Team: YES NO

Competition Classification: NORTH SOUTH EAST WEST WEST ONE

INCREDIBALL CORPORATE 35 & OVER

North league is most competitive, South is second, East is third, and West is most recreational. The Director reserves the right to place teams in a specific league based on player roster and previous participation records. **League Entry:**  
Spring \$450 Summer \$350 Fall \$450

*WAIVER: I assume all risks and hazards directly related to and incidental to participation in the Fayetteville Parks and Recreation Program, I hereby waive, release, absolve, indemnify and agree to hold harmless the City of Fayetteville, the sponsors, supervisors and participants for any claim arising out of my injury. As the representative for this team I understand I am required to inform all team members of this waiver and that by participating they are agreeing to its terms.*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Team Name \_\_\_\_\_

Captain Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please print e-mail address legibly. We will use this to send out important league information.

Assistant Captain Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Additional team members: (Name, Date of Birth, Email) Example- John Smith 9/19/1983, jsm@gmail.com

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